

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

controlling a system, especially an electrical and/or electronic system comprising a plurality of application devices, in which:

control information in the form of a spoken command is detected;

the detected control information is identified and a determination is automatically made as to which application device the detected control information is associated with;

if the detected control information is associated with a single application device, the associated application device and the detected control information are signaled back as an announcement or indication for confirming the detected control information input, and a control corresponding to the detected control information is executed in the application device; and

if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device, a prompt for selection of an application device to which the detected control information is to be associated is provided, wherein upon selection of the application device, a control corresponding to the detected control information is executed in the application device.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~Claim 2~~claim 1, further comprising that, upon determining that the detected control information which is associated with more than one application device, providing a list of application devices with which the detected control information is associated, and allowing selection of one of the application devices on the list.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~Claim 2~~claim 1, further comprising that a detected control information input which cannot be reliably interpreted is correspondingly marked in a return signaling.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining whether the detected control information is complete in order to be able to execute a requested action, and a request to complete the detected control information is made if the determination is that the detected control information is not complete.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detected control information input comprises keyword or keywords, the keyword or keywords being compared with a database of stored keywords for the purpose of determining a control function corresponding to the detected control information and the application device to which the detected control information corresponds.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 6, further comprising that the database of stored keywords includes an association of available application devices, control instructions and control parameters corresponding to the stored keywords.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising that the control parameters are stored as lists.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 7, further comprising that control instructions are stored as data records together with dummy codes for the application devices affected and the control parameters needed in each case to execute the instructions.

10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

controlling a system having a plurality of application devices by:

detecting a control information input at the system, the control information being in a form of a spoken command;

identifying the detected control information input and automatically determining at least one application device to which the detected control information input corresponds; and

if the detected control information input corresponds to a single application device, signaling back the associated application device and the detected control information as an announcement or indication for confirming the detected control information input, and automatically executing a control function of the single application device corresponding to the detected control information;

if the detected control information input corresponds to more than one application device, providing a prompt for selection of a single application device to which the detected control information is to be associated with and executing a control function of the selected application device corresponding to the detected control information.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising providing a prompt for further information if the detected control information input is unknown or is ambiguous or is incomplete.

12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a set of application devices having at least one application device;

an input device for detecting a control information input in the form of spoken command;

wherein the system is configured to identify the detected control information, automatically determine at least one application device associated with the detected

control information, and determine an instruction associated with the detected control information;

wherein the system is configured to signal back the associated application device and the detected control information as an announcement or indication for confirming the detected control information input, and execute the instruction in an associated application device if the detected control information is associated with a single application device; and

wherein if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device, the system is configured to provide a prompt for additional

control information relating to a selection of an application device from a list of application devices to which the detected control information can be applied; and

wherein the system is configured to execute the instruction in a selected application device from the list of application devices.

13. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 12, further comprising an output device for outputting information to the user, wherein the system is operative to request, via the output device, the additional control information from the user if the detected control information is unknown or is ambiguous or is incomplete.

14. (Currently Amended) An interface for a user of a system having a set of application devices including at least one application device, the interface comprising:

an input device for detecting control information in a form of a spoken command independently from a permanently predetermined menu structure;

wherein the system is operative to identify the detected control information, automatically determine at least one application device associated with the detected control information, and if the detected control information is associated with a single application device, signal back the associated application device and the detected control

information as an announcement or indication for confirming the detected control information input, and execute a command in the single application device corresponding to the detected control information;

if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device, providing a prompt for further control information relating to a selection of an application device from a list of possible application devices to which the detected control information can be applied; and

executing a command corresponding to the detected control information in an application device selected from the list of possible application devices.

15. (Previously Presented) An interface according to Claim 14, wherein the detected control information is signaled back to a user as a confirmation of the detected control information.

16. (Previously Presented) An interface according to Claim 15, wherein when the detected control information input can be interpreted as one or more commands, the one or more commands are signaled back as a selection list.

17. (Previously Presented) An interface according to Claim 15, wherein when the detected control information input cannot be reliably interpreted, a return signal is provided that marks the detected control information as unreliable.

18. (Previously Presented) An interface according to claim 14, wherein a check is made whether the detected control information is complete in order to be able to execute a requested action, and if the detected control information is not complete, a prompt is provided to request complete control information.

19. (Previously Presented) An interface according to claim 14, wherein the detected control information is in a form of keyword or keywords, and each keyword is compared with stored keywords for determining an application device associated with the keyword or keywords.

20. (Previously Presented) An interface according to Claim 19, wherein the available application devices, control instructions and control parameters are as associated with keywords stored as control information.

21. (Previously Presented) An interface according to Claim 14, further comprising an output device for outputting information from the system to the user, wherein the system is operative to request, via the output device, further information if the detected control information is unknown or is ambiguous or is incomplete.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a system, especially an electrical and/or electronic system comprising a plurality of application devices, the method comprising:

detecting control information in the form of one or more spoken commands at the system;

identifying the detected control information and automatically identifying at least one application device associated with the detected control information;

signaling back the associated application device and the detected control information as an announcement or indication for confirming the detected control information input, and
executing a command corresponding to the detected control information in an identified application device, if the detected control information is associated with one application device;

providing a prompt for additional control information if the detected control information is associated with more than one application device; and

upon detecting a selection of an application device from the more than one application device, executing a command corresponding to the detected control information in the selected application device.